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 Applicant(s): Rhodes et al.  
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 Examiner: Dennis H. Pedder  
 Title: UNDERFLOOR STOWAGE OF A FOLDING SEAT  
 IN A VEHICLE  
 Attorney Docket: 706441US3

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MS Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2005, please amend the captioned application, as follows. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1800.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 12.

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From the foregoing, it is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all previously outstanding rejections. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference with the undersigned is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

(Column 1) (Column 2)

<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>19</b>	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
<b>TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS</b>	<b>19</b> minus 20 = *	<b>5</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	<b>2</b> minus 3 = *	<b>3</b>
<b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	* 14	Minus	** 20
Independent	* 4	Minus	*** 3	= 1
<b>FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				

SMALL ENTITY TYPE OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	375.00	OR BASIC FEE	750.00
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
<b>TOTAL</b>		OR <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>570</b>

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	25	OR X\$18=	50
X42=	180	OR X84=	200
+140=		OR +280=	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ADDI- TIONAL FEE</b>	OR <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	* Minus	**	=
Independent	* Minus	***	=	
<b>FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ADDI- TIONAL FEE</b>	OR <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ADDI- TIONAL FEE</b>

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	* Minus	**	=
Independent	* Minus	***	=	
<b>FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ADDI- TIONAL FEE</b>	OR <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ADDI- TIONAL FEE</b>

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